

EDITORIAL

On January 5, 1940 Dr. Lynds Jones, a founder of the Wilson Ornithological Club and for thirty-six years editor of its *Bulletin*, celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday. We are glad to report that he is still actively studying birds and interesting people in ornithology. Dr. Jones holds a unique place not only in our organization but among American ornithologists. In the spring of 1895 he organized at Oberlin the first formal course in ornithology in any American college. He has been training ornithologists continuously ever since. To members of the Wilson Ornithological Club his long record of editing the *Bulletin* is outstanding among his accomplishments, though few of us have the experience to appreciate fully the tireless industry and steady loyalty to an ideal demonstrated by those thirty-six volumes of the *Bulletin*. As Dr. Glover M. Allen once remarked, "No one who has never undertaken something of this sort would have any idea of the amount of blood pressure needed to get out such a journal and avoid the many pitfalls of a printer's work, answer and pacify various contributors and produce a coherent piece of work."

The war in Europe is having a disastrous effect on ornithological work in many parts of the world. The types and many of the more valuable birds in great museums even as far away from the scene of fighting as Paris and London have been packed or even transported to other hiding places and research workers have largely had to give up their efforts to carry on investigations there. We have already heard of the suspension of publication of such journals as "The Bulletin of Animal Behaviour" (London) and the "Scottish Naturalist." There has been no news from our ornithological friends in such storm centers as Finland, Poland, and Czechoslovakia, but we would be relieved to hear that nothing worse had happened to them than the suspension of all of their scientific work.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Charles M. Pomerat is now with the Department of Biology of the University of Alabama.

Jean Delacour, the well-known French ornithologist, is now in active service as a Captain of Artillery.

The new Museum of Natural History of the University of Minnesota is now completed. The offices are now occupied and the exhibits are being set up in their new cases. The new auditorium, seating 500, was opened with a bird lecture on February 8.

James T. Tanner has just received his Doctor's degree in Ornithology from Cornell University. The title of his thesis is "The Ecology and Life History of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, *Campēphilus principalis*." The investigations for thesis material were made possible by a Research Fellowship of the National Association of Audubon Societies.

M. A. Carriker, Jr., is now in Vera Cruz collecting birds for the Smithsonian Institution.

J. Southgate Y. Hoyt has just received his Master's degree in Ornithology from Cornell University. The title of his thesis is "A Study of the Pileated Woodpecker, *Ceophleous pileatus*."

Alexander Wetmore is Secretary General for the Eighth American Scientific Congress which meets in Washington May 10 to 18. Many papers to be given in Section II, Biological Sciences, will be of great interest to ornithologists.

Carl W. Buchheister has resigned as Secretary-Treasurer of the Massachusetts Audubon Society to become Assistant Director of the National Association of Audubon Societies. His place in Boston will be filled by C. Russell Mason of Sanford, Florida.